

Gifford Pinchot National Forest

WINTER RECREATION REPORT

WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2021



DO YOU HAVE YOUR SNO-PARK PASS?



In order to park at a sno-park, you need to purchase a pass through **Washington State Parks**. Visit www.epermits.parks.wa.gov to grab a pass for your trip.

CHECK WINTER CONDITIONS!



Winter weather and road conditions vary greatly with elevation, and change quickly. Check out these links:

- [Washington Weather Alerts](#)
- [Washington Road Conditions](#)
- [Avalanche Forecasts](#)
- [Gifford Pinchot Winter Recreation Information](#)

WINTER GEAR CHECKLIST

Always carry the following items in your vehicle when visiting the forest in winter:



- flashlight
- extra food
- shovel
- extra water
- map
- extra layers
- traction devices

RECREATION REMINDER

Illegal use of groomed snowmobile roads by 4x4 trucks have been reported in several areas on the forest including near sno-parks. The use of unauthorized vehicles on these roads greatly impacts the experience of winter recreators, and strains the groomer's ability to maintain the trail system. Please respect road regulations, and check out our [Motor Use Vehicle Maps](#) for more information.

Mt. Adams Ranger District

- Over last weekend, snow depth decreased slightly as the area received heavy rains over a short period.
- Sno-parks are busy on this district. Both nordic skiing and snowmobiling are popular in the area, so to snag a parking spot, start your day early!

Cowlitz Valley Ranger District

- A few inches of snow at Orr Creek and Wakepish Sno-Parks are keeping these areas busy.
- No snow at Skate Creek or Johnson Creek yet this season.

Mount St. Helens National Monument

- No measurable snow yet at Marble or Cougar sno-parks, but these areas are still busy with folks getting out.